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One thing that needs to be addressed is credit card late charges. As a banker for over thirty-five years I certainly understand the need and reason for late charges. However, the manner in which they asses them is wrong.

They used to accept a payment as being on time as long as it was **received before the next billing date**. This seems unfair since they rely on the mail and the card hold most also in most cases. Their cut off date is not always the same, it may vary because of week ends. Therefore, by the time you get the bill in the mail you may only have three or four days before their fixed due date triggers a late charge (usually \$25..\$35...).

But my biggest complaint and concern is that **even if you pay more than twice the minimum payment the prior month, if you miss the payment due date they set by one day you get charged you will be charged a late fee.**

So if you had a \$500.00 balance with minimum payment of \$25.00 and you paid \$75.00, next month due to their mailing time and the time you received it, if payment missed by just one day they will hit you with a late charge.

They should be made to allow for at least one month of prepayment to avoid this excessive charge to the consumer.